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# By the Lords Justices, A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For Putting in Execution the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, for the Preventing the Exportation of Wooll, Wooll-Fells, Woollen Yarn, Morthings, Shorlings, Wooll-Flocks, Fullers Earth, Fulling Clay, and Tobacco-Pipe Clay out of this Kingdom.

Tho. Cantuar. Sommers C. Dorsett, Romney, Cha. Montague.



Whereas many Good Laws have been made for Preventing the Transportation of Wooll, Wooll-Fells, Morthings, Shorlings, Woollen Yarn, Wooll-Flocks, Fullers Earth and Fulling Clay out of the Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or any the Isles, Ports, Creeks or Places thereof, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or other Parts beyond the Seas, under the Penalties of Forfeiting Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of the Commodity so Exported, and of Forfeiting such Wooll, or other Commodities, and the Horses, Cattel, Carriages, Ship and Vessel, Employed in the Carrying the same, and Treble the Value of the Wooll, or other the said Commodities, in Case such Wooll or other Commodity exceed Ten Pounds in Value, otherwise the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be Recovered of the Inhabitants of the respective Hundreds next Adjoyning to the said Kingdom of Scotland, or to the Sea Coast out of or through which any Wooll, or any other of the Commodities aforesaid, shall be Carried or Exported, by such Person as will Sue for the same, and of Three Years Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize, upon any Person or Persons who shall be Aiding, Abetting or Assisting in the Carrying or Transporting any such Wooll, or other the Commodities aforesaid, and under several other Penalties and Forfeitures in the said Laws and Statutes contained. And whereas for the Incouragement of such Persons who shall make Discovery of any the said Offences, several Rewards are Appointed by the said Acts (viz.) the Treble Value of the Wooll, and other the said Commodities Transported, in Case the same be of greater Value than Ten Pounds, and the Sum of Twenty Pounds in Case the said Wooll, so Transported, be under the Value of Ten Pounds; which Penalties are by the said Laws to be Recovered of the Inhabitants of the respective Hundreds aforesaid, for the sole Use and Benefit of such Person as will Sue for the same, together with Treble Costs of Suit. And for the further Incouragement of Persons to Discover the said Offences, It is by the said Laws Provided, That the first Three Persons who have been Aiding, Abetting or Assisting in Carrying out or Exportation of Wooll, or any other the Commodities aforesaid, that shall Inform thereof any Justice of the

Peace in either of the several Counties next Adjoyning to the Kingdom of Scotland, or to the Sea Coast, whereby the Punishment and Penalties thereby Appointed, may be Inflicted and Recovered, the Party or Parties so Discovering, not being Owner or Part Owners of the said Wooll, or other Commodities aforesaid, shall not suffer any of the said Penalties or Punishments. And whereas by an Act made the Last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made against Transportation of Wooll, Fullers Earth and Scouring Clay, 'Tis amongst other things Enacted, That after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety and eight, no Fullers Earth or Scouring Clay shall be Exported out of this Kingdom, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, into Ireland, Scotland, or into any other Foreign Parts upon any Pretence whatsoever, upon Penalty of Forfeiting One Shilling for every Pound Weight so Exported: And that all Owners of Wooll Shorn or Laid up within Ten Miles of the Sea side, within the Counties of Kent and Sussex, shall give an Exact Account in Writing, within Three Days after the Shearing thereof, of the Number of Fleeces, and where Lodged or Houled to the next Adjoyning Port, or Officer of his Majesties Customs, and the like Notice before they shall Remove any Part thereof, of the said Number of Fleeces and Weight, and the Name and Abode of the Persons to whom it is Disposed, and the Place to which it is intended to be Carried, and to take a Certificate from the Officer who first Entred the same, upon the Penalty of Forfeiting all the Wooll as shall not be so Entred, or otherwise disposed of: The Owner also to be Liable to the Penalty of Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of all such Wooll, as if the same had been actually Transported; And that no Persons Residing within fifteen Miles of the Sea in the said Counties of Kent and Sussex, shall Buy any Wooll before they Enter into Bond to the Kings Majesty with Sureties, That such Wooll shall not be Sold by them to any Person within fifteen Miles of the Sea; And in Case any Wooll be found Carrying towards the Sea side in the said Counties, unless such Wooll be first Entred and Security given, the same shall be Forfeited, and the Person or Persons Offending therein, shall also Forfeit Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of all such Wooll. And it is thereby further Enacted, That no Wooll Removed from the Place where it was first Houled or Lodged after Shearing, within Ten Miles of the Sea, shall be Lodged after the first Removing within fifteen Miles of the Sea in the said Counties, upon Pain of Forfeiting all such Wooll, if found, but if Carried away, then the Owners of the said Wooll to Forfeit, for every Pound Weight, the Sum of Three Shillings; And that all Persons that shall Lay, or Cause to be Laid or Hid, any Wooll, within fifteen Miles of the Sea, and not Entred, as aforesaid, all such Wooll shall be Seized and Forfeited. And whereas for the better Incouragement of Persons who shall Discover and Prosecute such Offenders, one Third Part of the said Forfeitures and Penalties is by the said Act given to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Two Parts to the Use of such Persons as shall Seize or Sue for the same. And whereas for the better Preventing the Carrying of Wooll out of this Kingdom into Scotland, It is thereby Enacted, That after the said Twenty fourth day of June, every Owner of Wooll Shorn, Laid up, or Lodged within fifteen Miles of the Borders of Scotland, shall give an exact Account of his, her or their Number of Fleeces, and where Lodged or Houled, to such Persons as shall be Appointed for that purpose, pursuant to the Direction of an Act of Parliament made in the first Year of his present Majesty and the late Queen, Intituled, An Act for the better Preventing the Exportation of Wooll, and Incouraging the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; and in case any Owner of such Wooll shall Neglect or Refuse to give such Account, or shall after such Notice given, Remove such Wooll, or any part of it, without Licence from the Person who shall have made such Entry, shall Forfeit Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of such Wooll; and the Wooll that shall be found within the Distance aforesaid of the Borders of Scotland, not Entred, as aforesaid, is thereby Enacted to be Forfeited, One Third Part to his Majesty, the other Two Parts to him or them who shall Sue for the same. Notwithstanding which good Laws, many Persons evilly Disposed to the Welfare of this Kingdom, have presumed, and do daily presume, in defiance of his Majesties Government and the Laws aforesaid, not only Clandestinely, but by open Force and Violence, with Armed Companies of Men, to Convey and Transport the Commodities aforesaid, into Scotland and Parts beyond the Seas, and also to Rescue the same out of the Hands and Possession of the Officers of his Majesties Customs, and others Acting in their Aid, when by Virtue of his Majesties Authority the said Commodities have been Seized; and in Riotous and Tumultuous manner have Beaten and Wounded the said Officers, and those Acting in their Assistance. We therefore taking the same into our Serious Consideration, and duly weighing the evil Consequence thereof to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom; And to the end that all Persons may be informed of the several Laws aforesaid, and of the severe Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted upon such as shall be Guilty of Transporting of Wooll, or other the Commodities aforesaid, and of the several Ways and Methods thereby Prescribed for Prevention of the same, and that all his Majesties Loving Subjects may be Informed also of the several Rewards and Incouragements given by the said Laws to such as shall make Discovery of the said Offences, and effectually Prosecute the Offenders for the same, have thought fit, by the Advice of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to Issue this Proclamation: And We do hereby, in pursuance of the aforesaid Laws, strictly Charge, Prohibit and Command, That no manner of Wooll, Wooll-Fells, Woollen Yarn, Morthings, Shorlings, Wooll-Flocks, Fullers Earth, Scouring Clay, or Tobacco-Pipe Clay, be at any time or times hereafter, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, either Natural Born Subjects, Denizens, or Strangers, Exported, Transported, Sent or Conveyed out of this Kingdom or the Dominions aforesaid, or any the Isles, Ports, Creeks or Places thereof, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or any Parts beyond the Seas; And that all the Laws and Statutes now in Force against the Exportation of the said Commodities, be in every Particular punctually Observed and Kept, upon Pain of the severest Penalties, which by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm may be Inflicted upon the Offenders themselves, their Aiders, Procurers, Abettors, or Favourers. And We do hereby Declare, That We will cause to be effectually put in Execution the Laws and Statutes aforesaid, and that the Penalties thereby Accruing shall be exacted as by Law they may. And We do hereby Declare, That all Assistance and Incouragement shall be Given by the Commissioners of his Majesties Customs, and others his Majesties Officers, in the Recovery of such Rewards as are Given by the said Laws to such Persons who shall Discover and Sue for the same. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all his Majesties Officers of the Customs, and others, who shall be any ways Employed or Intrusted in the Discovering and Prosecuting the said Offences, That they do use their utmost Diligence in the Discharge of their said Trust, under the Pain of Incurring his Majesties high Displeasure. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all his Majesties Officers and Ministers to be Aiding and Assisting to the Officers of the Customs, and others duly Authorized to put in Execution the said Laws, and all others Acting in their Aid.

Given at Whitehall, the Twenty ninth Day of September, 1698. In the Tenth Year of His Majesties Reign.

## God save the King.